SUBODH KANT SAHAY). (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Intelligence Bureau services the Central Government in matters concerning the security of the country and related intelligence functions. No coverage of any political party or politician *per se* is undertaken by the Bureau.

Use of Rocket Launchers by Subversives in Kashmir

3251. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether subversives in Kashmir used rocket launchers on security forces in the second week of June, 1990 killing several persons; if so, the number of persons so killed;

(b) whether house-boats in Dal Lake, Srinagar, are being used as *hide-outs by subversives* and Government buildings including Raj Bhavan have become unsafe; and

(c) if so, the action Government have taken/propose to take to counter this threat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) During the third week of June, 1990 (19th June), subversives used rockets on the security forces who were camping in Hotel Duke on Boulevard Road, Srinagar. According to available information 2 Security personnel were killed in this attack.

(b) There is no confirmed report about the houseboats in Dal Lake being used regularly as hide-outs by the subversives; however, its possibility cannot be ruled out entirely.

(c) Necessary precautionary steps have been taken.

Independence of Kashmir

3252. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item that appeared on page 1, col. 1 of Patriot dated 19th June, 1990 wherein it has been stated that Shri Kuldeep Nayyar, Indian High Commissioner to U. K. told labour M.Ps. that independence of Kashmir can be considered only after re-unification of the State of Jammu and Kashmir as it was before partition;

(b) if so, the details of the talks held by the Indian High Commissioner with British labour M.Ps.;

(c) whether Government are reviewing the status of Jammu and Kashmir in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The High Commissioner has not propounded any such option in respect of J & K nor is there any question of reviewing the status of the State.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Terrorists Sending people abroad on Fake Passports

3253. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a gang of terrorist sending people abroad on fake passports has been arrested in the last week of June, 1990 in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken in the matter; and

(c) the steps taken to check the activities of such gangs?